

laid hold of said Husband, saying "you are the King's Prisoner"! For what, asked Husband. On suspicion of being concerned in the Mob, replied the Captor"; and immediately hurried him off, not suffering him to take leave of his Family. In travelling a little distance from Husband's house they fell in with Fanning, who was waiting for them, who treated the prisoner with contemptuous Ridicule. Thus escorted they arrived at Hillsborough, where Husband, and Butler, whom we have mentioned before, were put into a Fort, mounted with swivel Guns, under a strong Guard. From this place of confinement, after a few hours, Husband was taken before a Magistrate, who charged him as follows, viz. "*Somebody* hath informed against you, that there is cause of suspicion, of your having a hand in the Mob." Husband denied the charge; then Col. Fanning being called, and sworn, said "that he (Fanning) formerly received a paper, summoning him to appear at a Mill, and he *thought* it was Husband's hand writing." "And further, That he had received Papers from the Mob which referred to that paper."

Then was Thomas Hogan sworn, who said, that Husband had confessed he had been at some meetings of the Mob." Upon this, said Husband was committed close prisoner to the common Jail; where he continued till about midnight, when he was taken out, and tied with his hands behind his back, [77.] and set on horse-back, and tied with his feet under the body of the horse, and led away, with design, as they said, who were the ministers of this cruel treatment, to hang him, without judge or jury. Husband, alarmed at this, desired to see Col. Fanning: Fanning came, and asked wherefore he had been sent for? Husband answered, "If you will release me, and set me free, I will promise not to concern myself any more, whether you take too large fees or not." Upon which, Fanning says you must promise "Never to give your opinion of the Laws, never to assemble yourself among the People, never show any jealousies of the Officers taking extraordinary fees, that if ever you hear any one speaking disrespectfully of the Officers, or hinting jealousies respecting their fees, you will reprove and caution them, that you will tell the People you are satisfied all Taxes are agreeable to Law, that you will do every thing in your power to moderate and pacify the People."—All which Husband promised; alleging, in his own favour that *Duress* excused